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FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 10620

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: EGEN, EAID, CB

SUBJ: HANDLING OF PRESS INQUIRIES REGARDING RICE AIRLIFT  
FROM BATTAMBANG

1. WE BELIEVE IT BEST NOT TO INITIATE ANY PUBLICITY REGARDING USAF RICE AIRLIFT FROM BATTAMBANG. HOWEVER NEWS OF THE AIRLIFT IS BOUND TO GET OUT SOONER OR LATER AND QUESTIONS WILL BE ASKED BY CORRESPONDENTS HERE AND ELSEWHERE. WE HAVE THEREFORE PREPARED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT, TO BE HANDED OUT IN THE EVENT WE RECEIVE A PRESS INQUIRY.

2. "ON OCTOBER 2ND AT THE REQUEST OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC, THE UNITED STATES INITIATED A LIMITED RICE AIRLIFT BY UNITED STATE AIR FORCE C-130 PLANES FROM BATTAMBANG PROVINCE TO PHNOM PENH. THE AIRLIFT IS SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE UNTIL SEVERAL THOUSAND TONS OF RICE HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO PHNOM PENH OR ROUTE 5 IS REOPENED TO CONVOY TRAFFIC. THE PURPOSE OF THE AIRLIFT IS TO BUILD UP RICE  
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STOCKS IN PHNOM PENH THAT HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY REDUCED

BY DELAYS IN THE ARRIVAL OF IMPORTED RICE.

3. "ALTHOUGH STOCKS OF RICE IN PHNOM PENH HAVE BEEN  
REDUCED BELOW DESIRED LEVELS, THERE ARE STILL AMPLE  
SUPPLIES AVAILABLE TO MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMMEDIATE  
FUTURE. ABOUT ONE MONTH'S SUPPLY IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE  
IN PHNOM PENH FROM THAILAND DURING THE NEXT THREE WEEKS.  
THE FIRST SHIPMENTS OF THIS RICE ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE  
IN PHNOM PENH THIS WEEK ." ENDERS

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